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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Ikuo URATANI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/769,784  
Filed: February 3, 2004  
For: DISK ARRAY APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING THE SAME  
Group: 2188  
Examiner: M. Padmanabhan

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 16, 2005

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.